

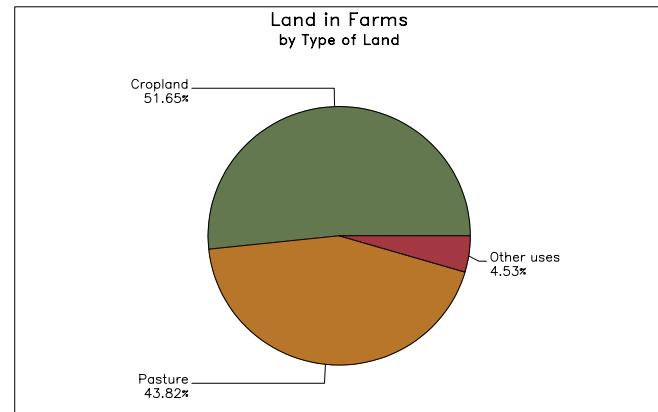
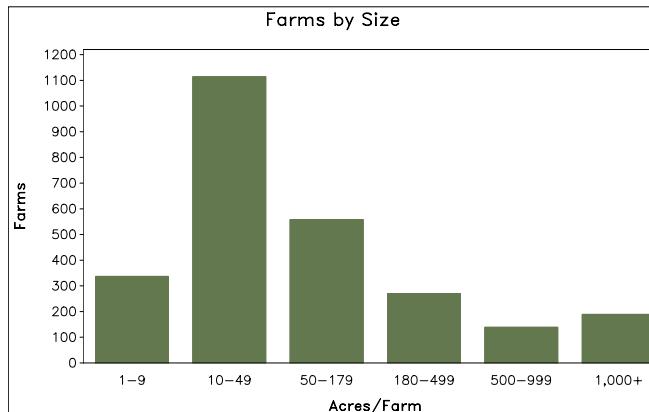
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile

### Merced, California



|  | 2007                | 2002                | % change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| <b>Number of Farms</b>                       | 2,607               | 2,964               | - 12     |
| <b>Land in Farms</b>                         | 1,041,115 acres     | 1,006,127 acres     | + 3      |
| <b>Average Size of Farm</b>                  | 399 acres           | 339 acres           | + 18     |
| <br><b>Market Value of Production</b>        | <br>\$2,330,408,000 | <br>\$1,409,254,000 | <br>+ 65 |
| Crop Sales \$879,332,000 (38 percent)        |                     |                     |          |
| Livestock Sales \$1,451,075,000 (62 percent) |                     |                     |          |
| <b>Average Per Farm</b>                      | \$893,904           | \$475,457           | + 88     |
| <br><b>Government Payments</b>               | <br>\$11,968,000    | <br>\$11,479,000    | <br>+ 4  |
| Average Per Farm                             | \$23,193            | \$25,284            | - 8      |



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#### Ranked items among the 58 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

| Item  | Quantity  | State Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> | U.S. Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>           |           |            |                       |           |                       |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                             | 2,330,408 | 4          | 58                    | 4         | 3,076                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                       | 879,332   | 9          | 58                    | 10        | 3,072                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                       | 1,451,075 | 2          | 57                    | 2         | 3,069                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                    |           |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                             | 46,752    | 11         | 48                    | 610       | 2,933                 |
| Tobacco   | (-)       | (-)        | (-)                   | (-)       | 437                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | 63,172    | 4          | 13                    | 15        | 626                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                      | 244,593   | 7          | 55                    | 9         | 2,796                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 425,450   | 9          | 56                    | 10        | 2,659                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                            | 21,836    | 25         | 56                    | 152       | 2,703                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                    | 74        | 17         | 40                    | 490       | 1,710                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 77,456    | 4          | 56                    | 11        | 3,054                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 333,626   | 2          | 56                    | 13        | 3,020                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 137,186   | 5          | 57                    | 63        | 3,054                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                               | 969,019   | 2          | 47                    | 2         | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)       | (D)        | 54                    | (D)       | 2,922                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products                                      | 2,611     | 9          | 56                    | 38        | 2,998                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                            | (D)       | (D)        | 55                    | (D)       | 3,024                 |
| Aquaculture   | 5,323     | 6          | 46                    | 58        | 1,498                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                               | 1,758     | 9          | 55                    | 103       | 2,875                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                         |           |            |                       |           |                       |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens                                 | (D)       | 2          | 46                    | (D)       | 2,476                 |
| Layers  | 3,625,350 | 2          | 55                    | 16        | 3,024                 |
| Turkeys   | 1,639,018 | 1          | 48                    | 14        | 2,371                 |
| Pullets for laying flock replacement                                  | 570,248   | 5          | 51                    | 46        | 2,627                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 549,770   | 2          | 57                    | 4         | 3,060                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |           |            |                       |           |                       |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 141,744   | 3          | 57                    | 11        | 3,060                 |
| Almonds   | 103,736   | 4          | 44                    | 4         | 157                   |
| Corn for silage   | 71,535    | 2          | 33                    | 2         | 2,263                 |
| Vegetables harvested, all   | 59,533    | 7          | 55                    | 13        | 2,794                 |
| Cotton, all   | 57,425    | 4          | 13                    | 42        | 627                   |

#### Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity  | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|-----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |           | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 421       | Farming   | 1,551    |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 88        | Other   | 1,056    |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 93        | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 110       | Male  | 2,405    |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 206       | Female  | 202      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 73        | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 56.4     |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 185       | All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 101       | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 44       |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 297       | Asian   | 213      |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 298       | Black or African American   | 16       |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 150       | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | 11       |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 585       | White   | 3,800    |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 1,754,503 | More than one race  | 36       |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 672,997   | All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 522      |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 626,679   |   |          |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 240,383   |   |          |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.